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June 15, 2009

William Watson, Administrator
NH Department of Transportation
Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance
7 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03302

RE: May 2009 Monthly Minor Revisions

Dear Mr. Watson:

The Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMPO) staff has received a request to approve the May 2009 Minor Revisions.

Administrative Modifications

1. Statewide 15610 - Install RWIS Stations Around the State

- Construction will be delayed from fiscal year 2009 to fiscal year 2010.
- Total funds will increase from \$625,000 to \$645,000 (a 3% increase) and will shift from STP-State Flexible Funds to Equity Bonus Funds.

2. Districts BRPPI* - Bridge Rehabilitation, Painting, Preservation, & Improvement Projects (Federal Program)

- Total funds will increase from \$45,099,000 to \$45,249,000 (a 0.33% increase)
- The additional \$150,000 is being added to Preliminary Engineering in fiscal year 2009.

3. Statewide GRR* - Guardrail Replacement [Federal Aid Guardrail Replacement] (Annual Program)

- Total funds will increase from \$8,503,000 to \$8,588,000 (a 0.99% increase).
- An additional \$115,000 is being added to Preliminary Engineering in fiscal year 2009, through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.

- \$30,000 is being removed from STP-Hazard Elimination funds from Preliminary Engineering in fiscal year 2009.

4. Statewide HSIP* - Highway Safety Improvement Program [PARENT]

- Total funds will increase from \$22,725,000 to \$23,665,000 (a 4% increase)
- An additional \$365,000 is being added to Preliminary Engineering in fiscal year 2009
- An additional \$75,000 is being added to Right-of-Way in fiscal year 2009
- An additional \$1,500,000 is being added to Construction in fiscal year 2009 and \$1,000 is being removed from fiscal year 2012

5. Statewide MOBRR* - Municipal Owned Bridge Rehabilitation & Replacement Projects (Federal, State, Local Funds) (Annual Project)

- Total funds will increase from \$10,000,000 to \$11,000,000 (a 9% increase)
- The additional \$1,000,000 is being added to Construction in fiscal year 2009

6. Statewide PRRCS* - Pavement Resurfacing, Rehabilitation, & Crackseal Program & Related Work (Annual Federal Resurfacing Program)

- Total funds will increase from \$59,400,000 to \$60,900,000 (a 2.46% increase)
- An additional \$1,500,000 is being added to Construction in fiscal year 2009

7. Statewide SSRR* - Secondary System Reclamation/Rehab with Various Pavement Treatments

- Total funds will increase from \$20,600,000 to \$21,600,000 (a 4.63% increase)
- An additional \$1,000,000 is being added to Construction in fiscal year 2009

The following information is in the **Strafford MPO Prospectus** (pages 47-48) that was recently revised and adopted in 29, 2008 at the Strafford MPO Policy Committee Meeting:

"In the Strafford MPO the Executive Director has the authority to review Administrative Modification changes. The Executive Director may request the advice of members of the MPO Technical Advisory Committee to complete this review. The Executive Director will make recommendations to the Executive Committee for their concurrence or disapproval of Administrative Modification changes, and for a procedural change from Administrative Modification to Amendment. The Executive Committee will issue a letter to the NHDOT indicating their decision. Copies of these letters will be provided to members of the TAC and MPO."

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Based on these procedures, the Executive Director **recommended approval of the above Administrative Modifications to the 2009-2012 STIP as proposed.** The above project was discussed at the Friday, June 12, 2009 Executive Committee Meeting with the Executive Committee **concurring with the changes as recommended.** Additionally, letters were sent to members of the SMPO's Policy Committee and Technical Advisory Committee, with no comments received from members of the two committees. The Technical Advisory Committee reviewed the revisions at a meeting on Friday, June 05, 2009.

A copy of this letter will be provided to members of the SMPO Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding our actions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Cynthia Copeland', written over a horizontal line.

Cynthia Copeland, AICP
Executive Director

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